

## **MINUTES**

### **City Council**

**Monday, August 18, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Mayor Andy Quinney presided. Council Members: Gwyn Hall, Tennyson Holder, Bowen Jones, Bessie Kicklighter, Durward Motes, Misty Selph and Judy Shuman.

**Staff Present:** Brian Johnson, City Administrator; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; Pam Franklin, Human Resources Director; Clara Rouse, Finance Director; Nathan Mai-Lombardo, Planning Director; Randall Griffin, Public Works Director; Charles Draeger, Water/Sewer Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police and Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief.

**Visitors:** See attached sign-in sheet.

**Opening:** Mayor Quinney offered the opening prayer and led City Council in the pledge to the flag. He said City Council did not hold a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meeting.

Mayor Quinney recognized Ms. Julie Gerbsch, Seventh District School Board Representative.

Ms. Gerbsch said Commissioner Dean Kicklighter and I will be holding our second Seventh District Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on September 22, 2008 at the new pavilion at Tom Triplett Park.

#### **Public Hearings:**

**Solid Waste Management Plan:** Mayor Quinney opened the public hearing to receive public comment on the City's Solid Waste Management Plan.

Mr. Ed DiTommaso, Ecological Group gave an overview of the Solid Waste Management Plan. He said this is the second public hearing required on the Solid Waste Management Plan. He said we will be submitting the 2008 – 2018 Solid Waste

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Management Plan to the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center and the Department of Community Affairs for review and approval.

Mayor Quinney closed the public hearing on the Solid Waste Management Plan.

**Comprehensive Plan:** Mayor Quinney opened the public hearing to receive public comment on the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map.

Mr. Ed DiTommaso, Ecological Group gave an overview of the Comprehensive Management Plan and Future Land Use Map. He said this is the second public hearing required on the Comprehensive Management Plan and Future Land Use Map. He said we will be submitting the Community Agenda portion of the 20-year Comprehensive Plan Update to the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review.

Mayor Quinney closed the public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map.

**PC0838, Main Street Properties Rezoning:** Mayor Quinney opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by the City of Garden City to rezone the following properties located on Main Street from C-2A to PC-2A: 6-0015-07-012, 6-0015-07-013, 6-0015-07-014, 6-0015-07-015, 6-0011-03-001, 6-0011-03-002, 6-0011-03-003, 6-0011-03-004, & 6-0011-03-005. He said the Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of the proposed rezoning.

City Administrator said this is the City's effort to make sure the Planning Commission has enough authority to provide direction on landscaping, fencing, etc. He said by placing the "P" it becomes a plan zone which requires more review by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Quinney asked if there were any questions or comments. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Quinney closed the public hearing on PC0838.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Holder, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from July 21, 2008.

**Planning & Zoning Committee Report:**

**Resolution, Solid Waste Management Plan:** Councilmember Hall said we have for consideration a resolution authorizing the submittal of the 2008 -2018 Solid Waste Management Plan to the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center and the Department of Community Affairs for review and approval. He said staff recommends

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submitting the 2008 – 2018 Solid Waste Management Plan document to RDC and DCA for review and approval.

Upon motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Holder, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution authorizing the submittal of the 2008–2018 Solid Waste Management Plan to RDC and DCA for review and approval.

**Resolution, Comprehensive Plan:** Councilmember Hall said we have for consideration a resolution authorizing the submittal of the Community Agenda portion of the 20-year Comprehensive Plan Update to the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review.

Upon motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution authorizing the submittal of the Community Agenda portion of the 20-year Comprehensive Plan Update to the RDC and DCA for official review.

Councilmember Hall said citizens are now able to submit code enforcement violations and public works requests anonymously via the City's website.

**Personnel, Finance & Administration Committee Report:** Councilmember Shuman gave a routine report. She said the only position we presently have open is for a crossing guard.

**Parks & Recreation Committee Report:** Councilmember Bethune said the Recreation Department is holding sign ups for football, cheerleading and soccer. She said the renovations at the Cooper Center should be done by the start of school. She said the items stolen from the Senior Center have been returned to them. She thanked the police department for their efforts.

**Fire Committee Report:** Councilmember Motes gave a routine report. He said the fire department responded to 26 calls during the month of July with an average response time of 7.85 minutes.

**Police Committee Report:**

**Surplus Vehicles/Equipment:** Chief Lyons presented a list of Police Department vehicles with at least 130,000 miles to be declared surplus.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Holder, City Council voted unanimously to declare the vehicles as surplus.

Councilmember Kicklighter gave a routine report.

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**Public Works Committee Report:** Councilmember Holder updated everyone on the status of Hurricane Fay. He said the public works department is making preparations for the storm.

**Water & Sewer Committee Report:**

**Bids for the Lift Station Upgrade Projects:** Councilmember Jones said we have for consideration the following bids received for the Lift Station Upgrade Projects:

Southern Champion Construction	\$1,092,250.00
J.S. Haren Company	\$1,155,000.00
BRW Construction Group, LLC	\$1,218,780.00
PINCO	\$1,257,550.00
Malphrus Construction Company	\$1,346,876.00
E&D Contracting Services, Inc.	\$1,371,075.00

He said staff and the engineers recommend accepting the bid from the low bidder Southern Champion Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,092,250.00

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Holder, City Council voted unanimously to accept the bid from the low bidder Southern Champion Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,092,250.00.

Councilmember Hall asked if the bid was under the engineer's estimate.

City Administrator said, yes.

Councilmember Kicklighter asked if the project will be funded by SPLOST monies.

City Administrator said GEFA funding will be used.

Councilmember Jones said the average water use for the month of July was 1.3 million gallons per day.

**City Administrator Report:** City Administrator presented The State of the City Report to City Council and Residents of Garden City, Georgia, highlighting the City's accomplishments over the past 18 months, the initiatives for the upcoming year and their impact on the City's future. **(Copy of the State of the City Report is attached for the record)**

**City Attorney Report:** City Attorney said I have nothing to report tonight.

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**Mayor Report:** Mayor Quinney thanked the City Administrator and staff for their hard work.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Holder, seconded Councilmember Hall, City Council voted to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

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Andy Quinney, Mayor

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Tennyson Holder, Mayor Pro-tem

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Judy Shuman, President of Council

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Gwyn Hall, Councilmember

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Bowen Jones, Councilmember

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Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember

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Durward Motes, Councilmember

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Misty Selph, Councilmember

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Rhonda Ferrell, Clerk of Council